"I have been notified by Bruce S. Gullion, director of the Division of Forests and Parks, that the Department of Natural Resources considers a master plan an important first step, and that such a master plan probably will have been completed before the end of the year," Senator Ham-

mond said.

Senator Hammond quoted Mr. Gullion as saying "there are many factors which must be considered and taken under study. The engineering section of the department will, for example, determine the condition of the dam. Another study will be undertaken to determine whether or not certain species of fish must be restricted to one pond or another."

"The department study will determine the existing use of the area and the potential that exists for expanding that recreational Senator Hammond said. "And it is my own feeling that the expenditure of some \$215,000 of public funds to obtain these water rights makes it imperative that some extension of facilities for use by the general public should be given consideration."

Mr. Gullion told Senator Hammond that the East Otis Reservoir and Big Pond will also take into account the Tolland state forest, which reaches to the edge of the reservoir. "The Department of Natural Resources has just completed a big reconstruction of its facilities in the state forest, including camp sites and day use areas, and this certainly fits into the general recreation picture of the whole area."

Purchase of the controlling water rights, and 1000 acres of land, was made possible by a \$5 million bond issue for recreational development by the Department of Natural Resources passed by the Lesgislature in 1966.

The water rights and land involved were owned by the Farmington River Paper Company, a Massachusetts corporation of which the Collins Company of Collinsville, Connecticut, is the major stockholder. Senator Hammond was one of

the leaders in the effort to have the Department of Natural Resources acquire the properties, "because state ownership of these land and water rights are important for future recreation and conservation in the Commonwealth."

SGT. ROBERT J. FREGEAU IN WESTERN PACIFIC

WITH U.S. COMBAT AIR FORCES IN THE WESTERN PA-CIFIC - Staff Sergeant Robert J. Fregeau, son of Mrs. Catherine M. Fregeman of 161 N.E. 169th Ter., North Miami Beach, Florida, is now on duty with the 4258th Strategic Wing at a forward base in the Western Pacific.

Sergeant Fregeau was assigned to Bunker Hill AFB, Indiana, before arriving in the Pacific to help provide direct support for U.S. Air Force operations in Southeast Asia.

The sergeant, a Strategic Air Command aircraft mechanic, supports KC-135 Strato Tanker aircrews who daily provide aerial refueling to fighter-bomber and reconnaissance aircraft conducting the air war over Vietnam.

The sergeant attended Springfield (Mass.) Trade High School.

His wife, Nancy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.D. Stebbins of 789 Main Street.

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"OKLAHOMA" STARTS TONIGHT AT AGAWAM HIGH



Four of the leading players are seen in the front of Jud's smokehouse, one of the scenes in the complete production of the award winning Rodgers and Hammerstein musical.

"Oklahoma" is the tenth full Broadway musical to be staged by Agawam High students and promises to maintain the high level of performance that has been achieved in past years.

Pictured are John Scherpa (Ike Skidmore), William Barker (Jud Frey), Ronald Kozlowski (Jud Frey) and Michael Connolly (Ali

Nearly two completely separate casts have been trained for the productions with Holly Gibson and Glenn Toczko taking the leading roles with both groups. Other leading roles for the Fri-

The Sacred Heart Church of

Feeding Hills is sponsoring a bus

trip to Expo '67 in Montreal this

summer. The group will leave by

air conditioned bus on Tuesday

morning, July 11, and will return

Friday evening, July 14. In addi-

tion to visiting the Fair, the fa-mous shrines of Montreal will

also be seen. This trip is open to

the public, but due to the great

shortage of hotel accommoda-

tions, reservations must be made

this week for anyone wishing to

accompany the tour. For detailed

information, you are asked to call

the Sacred Heart Rectory,

Daughter Banquet March 14

The United Women's Fellow-

ship of the First Baptist Church

of Agawam will hold its Annual

Mother and Daughter Banquet on

Tuesday, March 14, 1967, in Fel-

lowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. Mrs.

Wallace Malley, general chair-man, has announced that a deli-

cious pot roast of beef dinner

will be served by the ladies from

the Baptist Church in the Acres.

Mrs. Donald Cassada is prepar-

ing interesting table decorations that will be given as prizes to

Mrs. Robert Geiger and Mrs.

Frank Merchant have arranged

for the Highland Pipers and

Dancers from Ludlow to provide

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day performance are taken by Dorôthea Major, Garma Meyer, Gregory Orr, William Barker, Marilyn Channell, Michael Connolly, Robert Reynolds, Peggy Case, John Crane, John Scherpa, Alan Edwards, Randy Parker, Archie Taylor, Linda Brown, Claudia Ayotte, Elizabeth Marrewa, AnnMarie Shaer, and Denise Hawkins.

Leading roles on Thursday and Saturday are taken by Janice Bryan, Julie James, Donald Bragg, Ronald Kozlowski, Ralph Johnson, Frederick Artuso, Chilene Tuttle, Michael Monahan, Edward Kellogg, Cindy Coburn, Archie Taylor, and Fred Carrigg.

Members of both casts will be seen as a part of the chorus and dancers when not taking their leading role.

David Moreno With U.S. **Combat Forces In Vietnam**

Airman Second Class David V. Moreno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Valentine R. Moreno of 435 River Road, is now in Vietnam in the fight against Communist aggres-

Airman Moreno, an air policeman, is a member of the Pacific Air Forces which provides air power to maintain the U.S. defense posture in the Pacific and conducts air operations in Southeast Asia.

Before his arrival in Southeast Asia, he was assigned to the 804th Combat Defense Squadron at Grand Forks AFB, N.D.

The airman is a 1965 graduate of Agawam High School.

An Invitation

The residents of Agawam are cordially invited by the Ludlow Savings Bank to attend a free band concert presented by the Pioneer Valley Concert Bandthis Sunday, March 12, at 7:30 in the Ludlow High School auditorium. The concert will be sponsored by the bank as a public service. It is hoped that area families will attend, since the concert should be over by 10:00, thus allowing children to attend. The program will consist of operatic, classical, modern, dance, and band music. The band is co-directed by Dante Pilegi of Agawam and Jose Saloio of Ludlow.

Nine Area Towns Show Interest In **Establishing Regional Vocational School**

P.O. Box 83

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WESTFIELD - State Senator George D. Hammond of Westfield said today that nine area towns have begun preliminary discussions on the possibility of establishing a regional vocational school and have requested him to give any state level assistance that may be required during subsequent planning. Senator Hammond identified

the interested communities as Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, West Springfield, Agawam, Southwick, Tolland, Granville, Wilbraham and Hampden, He said he met with representatives of several of the communities in Agawam this week and that

another meeting is scheduled within a month for further discussions.

The Hampden-Berkshire District legislator said the educators in the various towns are interested in a vocational school that would contain grades six through 12. "I have checked with officials of the State Department of Education," he said, "and they have told me that the present construction reimbursement schedule is around 10 per cent from the federal government and about 40 per cent from the Commonwealth. There also would be reimbursement for the operation of such a school, and I am looking further into this particular

Agawam Superintendent of Schools James Clark told the meeting, Senator Hammond said, that a regional vocational school would give the participating towns 'a dramatic new educational facility which would make a significant contribution to the outlooks and careers of many young people."

'Such an educational facility." Superintendent Clark said, "parallels the recommendations of Dr. James Conant, former president of Harvard, and the National Association of Secondary School Principals, who have urged that the nation increase the available amount of vocational education,

The prime beneficiary of such a vocational school would be the student whose IQ range is from 80 to 100," Superintendent Clark said. "In many instances, this particular student may be tired of, or bored with academic work. He may be simply coasting along until he is 16 and can be a dropout. He may be discouraged because of the competition he faces from the high mark college course students.

"The big advantage of the vocational school," Superintendent Clark said, "is that these students may move into an environment where a combination of vocational and academic study will give them new stimulus and may even move them to want to return to their conventional high school. Or, in the cases of those who never will adjust to the completely academic environment, a vocational school can prepare them effectively for a career.

"Either way, the student gains." Superintendent Clark said.

The Agawam school official said he believes that approximately 10 per cent of the total enrollment in all school systems would fall within the IQ range for which a vocational school

He pointed out that by establishing a grades six through 12 vocational school, students could be moved into this new educational program as soon as the need became apparent, "It is important, also, to note that while Springfield Trade High School will accept only those who have successfully completed the first eight grades, the communities participating in the regional vocational school district would be able to enter any pupil from sixth grade on. Furthermore, Springfield's Trade High School is unable to accept many out of town students because of its own space limitations.

"There is a big need for a vocational school such as the one we are talking about," Superintendent Clark said. "It could provide the dramatic change of pace benefitting many students, and could also turn out the people that our industries need and are looking for."

Those attending the Agawam

meeting were:

Edgar G. Carver, principal of Longmeadow High School; James Towle, member of the East Longmeadow School · Committee; and Edward Sheldon, East Longmeadow's assistant superintendent; Francis Rosso, chairman of the Agawam School Committee, and Agawam members Joseph Della Giustina, Joseph Napolitan and Walter Balboni; Richard Egan, a vocational teacher in the West Springfield school system; Quinto A. Cimma of Agawam, a vocational teacher at Chicopee Comprehensive High School; Frederick T. Dacey, principal of Agawam High School; Raymond Harris, principal of Agawam Junior High School; Thomas H. Casiello of Agawam, a teacher at Holyoke Trade High School and Mrs. Audrey Dempsey, who, like the Agawam and West Springfield teachers attending, is interested in such a facility.

Although others who may participate were not able to send representatives to the meeting, they have expressed a firm interest in the vocational school concept, Superintendent Clark said.

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1990 HIGHWAY NEEDS NOW STUDIED IN MASS.

Even though Massachusetts is still on the crest of the greatest roadbuilding program in its history, its Department of Public Works is studying the possible highway needs of the Commonwealth through 1990!

Launched by Commissioner Edward J. Ribbs, the threepronged study of future highway needs is being conducted by experts in highway classification, needs and cost. Basically, the study is not aimed at determining whether additional highways will be needed, but, rather, whether the system presently being created or expanded will be adequate.

That the study is not being undertaken too early is evidenced in the fact that some 2,335,151 vehicles are already registered in Massachusetts. The mileage these travel annually is reckoned in tens of BILLIONS. Yet, even these figures do not correctly portray the usage to which our highways are put because they do not include the tens of thousands of cars from out of the state and the uncountable billions of miles they travel.

The study, being conducted by the DPW's Bureau of Transportation Planning and Development, under the direction of James F. Kelley of Quincy, augments the regular, relatively short-range planning. It encompasses the road responsibility not only of the DPW but also that of all the cities

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and towns and the Metropolitan District Commission, This phase of the study is the "classification" portion, The "needs" study will evaluate road needs that presently exist or are expected to arise between now and 1990. These needs will be expressed in terms of dollar estimates.

The "fiscal" study will analyze the economic resources available in terms of highwayuser revenue, property taxes, gasoline taxes, etc., that are estimated to be available to meet the road needs in the coming decades.

As a "package," the three phases of the study "will aid in the recommendation of equitable jurisdictional road systems" meaning who's to be responsible

for what roads.
"A parallel objective," says Commissioner Ribbs, "is the establishment of effective long and short-range programming procedures. Only with a clear, precise - as - possible view of long range highway needs and the capacity and resources to meet those needs can such an effective programming process be organized."

Aside from providing data for our own highway planners, the study will be used to satisfy a Federal law, enacted by Congress in 1965, requiring states to submit estimates of highway needs on a bi-annual basis starting next December.

Aiding the basic committee is a Technical Advisory Committee, formed to guide the over-all study. It is composed of officials from cities and towns, the Metropolitan District Commission, and key DPW experts.

A Citizens' and Legislative Committee has also been formed for the purpose of obtaining the thinking and guidance of legislators, industrialists, financiers,

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businessmen, labor leaders, and representatives of organizations which have a stake in highway development.

To sum it up, highway planning for now and the "crowded '90's" of the 20th century is a far cry from the more leisurely days of the cowpath, the farm wagon road, and the covered wagon trails of the 19th century.

Coon Is Chairman For Boy Scout Membership Enrollment

James H. Coon, Jr., division accounting manager of the New England Telephone Company, will be chairman of the Sustaining Membership Enrollment for the Pioneer Valley Council, Inc., Boy Scouts of America, according to Douglass N. Ellis, president.

Mr. Coon lives at 132 Longfellow Drive in Longmeadow and has had considerable experience as a scout in Winchester, Mass, and a member of the Executive Board of the Fellsland Council in the Eastern part of the state, Mr. Coon was the chairman of the Merger Committee which brought together three smaller councils to form the Minute Man Council with headquarters in Stoneham, Mass. He served as the interim president of that council in its early stages of merger.

Coon has been a member of the Executive Board of the Pioneer Valley Council for 3 years and a member of the council finance committee.

The goal of the Sustaining Membership Enrollment is \$16,000 and will enable the council to carry out its planned program for this year. A membership of 15,000 Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts and Explorers is expected by 1970. This represents 35% of all of the available boys in the age group 8 through 16.

In accepting the position Mr. Coon said that the Sustaining Membership Enrollment has been in operation for 10 years and is not something new. "We cannot expect the United Fund and other funds who contribute to the support of the Pioneer Valley Council to carry the total cost of providing the scouting program to the thousands of boys who are now scouts and the thousands more who wish to become members. There are 11,100 boys now registered in Hampden County led by 3500 adult volunteers." Mr. Coon said that Sustaining Membership is designed to enable the parents and friends of scouting to identify themselves as a part of the program by becoming members.

In addition to his scouting background Mr. Coon is a member of



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What's in a name? Often a great deal.

Being known as an antiquarian and having remodelled a dozen ancient American houses, it still comes as a shock for me to realize I've yet to see a Dutch oven or a Franklin stove, Of course, I've seen the socalled Franklin stove and even as I write these lines I sit alongside one of those squat iron open fireplaces that manages to throw more aesthetic warmth than actual heat. The thing that Benjamin Franklin invented, however, was an improvement on this early French design; it was an eight-plate stove with a heat-box inside; it puffed air out its sides. It had a human-faced sun on the front plate, titled "ALTER IDEM" or "another like me." It is said that Ben intended to name his gadget the "House Sun," and manufacture them, but he gave the idea away.

This real Franklin stove is rarer than his Poor Richard's Almanac,

and some day I hope I might get to see an actual example. I also hope some day to see a real Dutch oven. There is a tin box with shelves that sat in front of a fireplace and baked small loaves by heat reflection, which people began calling a Dutch oven during the mid-1800's, but the original Dutch oven was a cooking pot. It had an inverted or concave lid which held hot coals. The well-known iron doored "Dutch oven" in the wall of the New Englandkitchen fireplace is entirely English, and it

has acquired its misnomer within the last century.

One misnomer that has won its right by popular use is the hour glass. Originally known as a time glass, very few (except those that timed the length of a sermon), measured one hour. I have one "hour glass" that measured the length of time it took to unlash and raise a topsail; anglass that stayed is the three minute egg glass; nobody calls that an hour glass. other measured the time it took for molten iron to stiffen. One time

My favorite misnomer of Americana is "Pennsylvania Dutch." There is even a Pennsylvania Dutch Tourist Bureau in Lancaster, and it all comes from early Yankees calling German immigrants "Dumb Dutchmen." Most historians seem unaware that "Pennsylvania Dutch" is entirely German; those barns are just about opposite in design from the true Dutch barn of upper New York State. But they go along with a lot of misnomers, including the "hex sign," "We hex nobody," one Amish man told me. "But if tourists are happier by giving us funny names, we forgive their stupidity. Forgiving is part of our religion."

For years, our history books have told how British soldiers branded the tall white pines of New England with "the King's Broad Arrow," marking them as the property of the Crown for masts in His Majesty's Navy. Only recently I read of how the soft wood of white pine "is most unsuitable for handles or ship's masts because of its weakness." The same day in pouring through some early accounts, I came across the following: "The people of New England call any tree with needles by the name of pine.

I guess we Americans have always been a little careless with names. It makes it tough for the historian. I see my "Franklin stove" is nearly out; I must get some kindling from the "Dutch oven" in the fire-

the Longmeadow Country Club and the Financial Executives Institute. He was an ensign in the Naval Air Corps in World War II. He is a graduate of Harvard and did graduate work at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Storrowton Music Fair Is Now Accepting **Applications For Apprentices**

Storrowton Music Fair is currently taking applications for apprentices for the 1967 season.

Wally Beach, producer of the West Springfield tent theatre, says: "We feel that this is an excellent opportunity for students to learn varied phases of thea-

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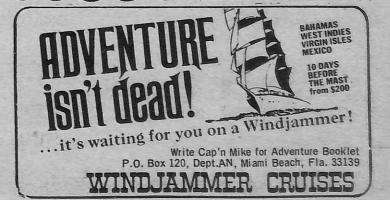
Unlike most summer theatres, Storrowton does not charge tui-

Students 16-years or older may appear in person any week-day between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to fill out an application, or they may phone the Music Fair office, RE 2-1105 and ask for Mrs. Conni Gran, Assistant to the Producer, for further information.

The ninth exciting season of Storrowton Music Fair begins on June 12th, and some of the stars and shows already scheduled are: "Funny Girl" with Lanie Kazan;
"Sweet Charity" with Edye Adams; "Half a Sixpence" with Bobby Rydell; "Peg" with Diahann Carroll; "On a Clear Day You Can See Forever" with John Raitt; "Wonderful World of Bur-lesque" with Lili St. Cyr, Sally Rand and Dagmar; and "This Was Burlesque" with Ann Corio,

Other stars and shows are now being added to the schedule.

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GRANGER SCHOOL

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MON: shell mac, w/meat & tom,
sau,, cab, & car, sal, b&b, fresh
pear, TUES: tom, soup, sl, bolog,
sand, (water roll), cel, stix, or,
wedg., pean, but, cook, WED:
Yankee pot roast, mash, pot, but,
car, hot but, corn br, cit, fr, cup,
THURS: meat rav, w/meat & tom,
sau, but, gr, bns, pean, but, sau, but, gr. bns., pean, but, sand., peach, FRI: juice, gr. ch, sand., pean, but, sand., wh, kern, corn, cake square.

PEIRCE SCHOOL

MON: chick, -nood, soup w/veg., bolog. sand., ch. cube, pot. stix, or. & grapefr. sec. TUES: meat balls in tom. sau., but. rice, peas & car., pean, but. sand., purple plums. WED: braised beef in br. plums, WED; braised beef in br. gry., sl. but. pot., broc. sq., b&b, peach sh.cake, THURS: or. juice, shep. pie w/pot. top., but. wax bns., ch. or pean, but. sand., choc. cake w/mocha icing. FRI: fr. punch, bkd. bns., 1/2 dev. egg, st. tom., car. stix, but. corn br., fudgicle.

DANAHY SCHOOL

MON: juice, toast, ham & ch. roll, pot. chips, cole slaw w/car., cake sq, TUES: juice, chick, rice soup w/veg., sl, meat sand., pean, but. sand., ap. rais. sq. WED: but. sand., ap. rais. sq. WED: mash. pot., roast beef w/gry., but. peas & car., b&b, fr. jel. w/top. THURS: juice, hamb. on but. bun w/cat., but. corn, prune sp. cake. FRI: mac. & ch. w/tom., pean. but. & jam sand., but. gr. bns., cit. fruit cup.

SO. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

MON: bkd, lasg, w/meat & tom, sau, ABC sal, but. Vien, br, fr, cup. TUES: meat ball grind, w/ cup. TUES: meat ball grind. w/sau, ch, stix, but, mix, veg., easy fr. cake. WED: or. juice, chick. w/gry. on mash, pot., but. car., cranb. sau, pean, but. w/hon. on wh. wheat br., grapefr. & or. sec. THURS: cit. juice, cr. tom. soup. crack., roast beef sand. w/must., cel. stix, fr. pear. FRI: bkd. mac. w/ch, sau, Germ. cole slaw sal., but. ban bisc., St. Pat. surprise.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL

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MON: Or. juice, frank, on but,
roll, must, & rel, but, car, deep
dish ap. pie w/ch, stix. TUES:
hamb.gry., mash, pot., but, broc.,
b&b, ap.sau. WED: cit, juice, cold
cut grind, (sl. meat, let., tom, &
ch.), pot. chips, sl. pick., fr. cup.
THURS: shell mac. w/meat & tom,
sau, but, gr. bns., b&b, sl. apri.
FRI: or. juice, gr. ch. sand., pean,
but, sand., tos. gr. sal, w/spin.,
but, cake w/St. Pat. frosting.

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MON: juice, hamb, on bun, but, car, pean, but, sand, apsau, oatmeal cook, TUES: juice, spag, w/meat balls, cab, & car, sal, ap, crisp, b&b, WED: country fr. stk, mash, pot, but, broc, prune sp, cake, b&b, THURS: juice, ov, fr. chick, sw. pot, corn, jel, w/top, b&b, FRI: juice, tuna fish sal, pot, chips, tos, sal, but, cake w/choc, sau, b&b.

HIGH SCHOOL

MON: bkd. ham sl. w/pineap., pars. pot., apsau., rye b&b, fr. cocktail. TUES: bolog, on hd. roll, cand. sw. pot., but. gr. bns., pean. but. sand., choc. cake w/choc. icing. WED: beef pot pie w/bis. top. mash. pot., but. broc., b&b, jel. w/top. THURS: meat loaf w/creole peach. FRI: or, juice, tuna sal, sailboat, pot, chips, but, car, pean, but, sand, prune sp, cake w/but, icing,

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ANNUAL CAMPING SHOW SET TO OPEN FRIDAY

The largest show of its type held in the United States that is devoted exclusively to family camping will open its doors Friday afternoon at 2. The fifth annual Springfield Camping and Outdoor Show, sponsored by the Pioneer Valley Chapter of the New England Family Campers Association, will be held March 10-12 at the Better Living Center on the Eastern States Exposition grounds in West Springfield.

The entire 123,000 square feet of the Better Living Center will be turned into a giant campground for the three-day exhibition. On display will be over 90 exhibits of camping trailers, accessories. camping and outdoor equipment, tents, boats, plus information on state and private campgrounds, recreation areas, and Expo '67.

The camping show was started in 1963 as a volunteer effort by the 225-family members of the local NEFCA chapter as a means of acquainting more people with the benefits and advantages of family camping. The first show, chairmaned by Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Crowell of Springfield, attracted 53,086 visitors.

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1964 when 68,101 camping enthusiasts toured the Better Living Center, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ballard of West Springfield were co-chairmen in 1965 when the attendance was 65,136, in spite of a stormy weekend. Last year Mr. and Mrs. Conrad J. Boucher of West Springfield directed the show that was viewed by 66,018

This year's committee is headed by Mr. and Mrs. Norman R. Hebert of Chicopee, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Lester Newton of Holyoke, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Marcille, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Josefek and Mr. and Mrs. Anthony D'Amato of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Loftus and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Quimby of Westfield, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vilbon of South Hadley, and Mr. and Mrs. Luigi Bianco of Suffield, Conn., chapter co-presidents.

Special exhibits at the show include the states of Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Maine, United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, Izaak Walton League, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, National Campers and Hikers Association, Springfield College and Northeast Utilities.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for 2:30, Friday afternoon, with Lt. Gov. Francis W. Sargent on hand. Veteran woodsman and camping author Bill Riviere will be returning for the fourth consecutive year to answer questions and give demonstrations on camping techniques.

The Hosaga Indians from Springfield College will present eight shows of authentic tribal dances and customs during the three days. Movies produced by John Duplesis of Agawam depicting camping and chapter activities will be shown in a special theater area throughout the show.

A show of camping fashions will be presented Friday evening at 8. The Camping Family of the Year will be announced Saturday evening at 8. Last year's winner

was Mr. and Mrs. Charles Herrschaft of Guilford, Conn., who have 10 children and camp in a converted school bus.

A "Teen Queen Contest" will be held Sunday afternoon at 3, and the presentation of the Outstanding NEFCA Chapter Award will be made at 4:30. The Worcester Chapter captured the honor a year ago.

Visitors to the show will be eligible for hourly free prizes of camping equipment, and all who attend will have a chance to win a 16-ft, travel trailer, a tent trailer or a 12-by-12 tent when the grand prize drawing is held Sunday evening at 8.

It is expected that the 300,000th visitor to attend the Springfield Camping and Ourdoor Show since it started will come through the door this coming weekend. This fortunate person will receive a gold life-time pass and a \$25 savings bond.

The show will be open 2 to 10 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., on Saturday; and 1 to 8:30 p.m. on

Information On Veterans GI Bill

Information pamphlets and personal assistance in filling out application blanks for educational benefits under the new GI Bill are available at the Veterans Administration Contact Division, Room E-116, John F. Kennedy Federal Building, Government Center, Boston, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., William F. Connors, manager of the Boston VA Office announced.

This post-Korean educationalprogram is open to all veterans with more than 181 days active duty service, any part of which occurred on or after February 1, 1955. The veteran must have a discharge that is other than dishonorable or if less than 181 days

he must have been discharged or released for a service-connected disability.

These veterans will be eligible for one month of education for each month or fraction of a month that they were on active duty.

Courses may be taken at approved colleges and universities, vocational schools, correspondence schools and at high school level. Approval of the institution will be made by the Mass. Dept. of Education. Foreign course approval will be by VA.

The VA will pay \$100 a month to those veterans with no dependents who take full time courses. Veterans with one dependent will receive \$125 a month while those with more than one dependent will receive \$150 a month.

Proportionate rates will be paid those taking part time courses.

Earned income of the veteran will not affect his monthly VA payment.

Maximum education will be 36 months.

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American Legion Auxiliary

By MRS. GLADYS CATCHEPAUGH

"GOLDEN MIKE POLL"

Mrs. Gladys R. Catchepaugh, communications chairman for Unit 185 of The American Legion Auxiliary, stated that every member of the organization will have an opportunity to vote for her favorite programs in three categories: (1) Best Family Program; (2) Best Special Program; (3) Best Musical Variety Program.

Ballots were printed in the monthly magazine of the Auxiliary, the NATIONAL NEWS, in the February issue and all members are urged to mail their selections in immediately. The deadline is May 1st. Win-

ning programs will be presented Golden Mike Awards.

The more than 90,000 Junior members of the Auxiliary, girls under the age of 18 years, will be able to make their favorite programs known also, by filling out the 1967 "Junior Jury Ballot" appearing in the same February issue of the NATIONAL NEWS. A special "Junior Jury Award" will go to the winner.

The response each year has been very gratifying and the annual Auxiliary poll has become a popular and important part of our program.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Reminders have gone out this past week to all members who have not yet re-enrolled for 1967. The Unit is striving hard now to complete this annual drive, so that the Unit may again reach its full quota before the first of May, as all reports are due in at the Department then in order to be considered at convention time. Convention this year is early - scheduled for June 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

Mrs. Jane Whalen, membership chairman, wishes to thank all those members who have already responded and to ask all to get the dues to her soon, or to the treasurer, as soon as possible.

AND THIS IS MARCH!

One of the nicest things about March is the celebration of another American Legion Birthday. And this year will betheir 48th. For those of us who have always been Auxiliary members since the beginning, it

is hard to believe almost a half century has gone by.
In the beginning I remember hearing folks say — "Oh, they are enthusiastic, dedicated men and women now. But wait awhile. I'll give them two or three years - five at the most. Then personal problems will take up their mind and time. The veterans will be forgotten." How wrong they were.

""We of the Auxiliary are happy to congratulate our Post on the fine work they have done, down through the years, and are still doing. We'll say it better on their meeting night on March 13th, when we salute them with a birthday party, under the chairmanship of Jane Wha-

Don't forget Irish Night on March 18th. Gladys and Bernie Belcher, co-chairmen, are planning the traditional corned beef and cabbage supper, so popular near St. Patrick's Day, and an evening of fun. Where can you do better for 99 cents?

The annual afternoon of bowling for Leeds Hospital veterans, as guests of Wilson-Thompson Post, comes on Sunday, March 19th, The Post and their guests will return to the home for a corned beef and cabbage supper served by Unit members, with Jane Whalen in charge, The next regular meeting of the Unit will be on March 20th at 8.

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His philosophy of "relaxed dancing" is well-known and he has given lectures on "timing" and 'smooth dancing."

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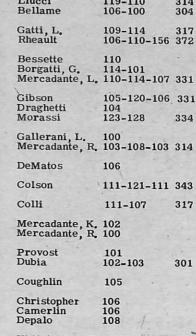
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Agawam Students On Dean's List

Among the 375 students on the dean's list for the first semester at Westfield State College were seven from the Agawam area, according to Dean Charles D. Hagan, registrar.

They are: Frances Jensen, Barbara J. Wright, Teresa R. Weiner, and Lawrence A. Scherpa of Agawam; and Diane V. Jackson, Richard M. Orr, and Raymond D. Danton, all of Feeding Hills.

Mass. Acquires Water Rights To Reservoir

WESTFIELD - State Senator George D. Hammond of Westfield said today the Mass. Department of Natural Resources has acquired ownership of the controlling water rights of East Otis Reservoir and Big Pond and is now carrying out a detailed study of the entire area.

"I have been notified by Bruce S. Gullion, director of the Division of Forests and Parks, that the Department of Natural Resources considers a master plan an important first step, and that such a master plan probably will have been completed before the end of the year," Senator Hammond said.

Senator Hammond quoted Mr. Gullion as saying "there are many factors which must be considered and taken under study. The engineering section of the department will, for example, determine the condition of the dam. Another study will be undertaken to determine whether or not certain species of fish must be restricted to one pond or another."

"The department study will determine the existing use of the area and the potential that exists for expanding that recreational area," Senator Hammond said. "And it is my own feeling that the expenditure of some \$215,000 of public funds to obtain these water rights makes it imperative that some extension of facilities for use by the general public should be given consideration."

Mr. Gullion told Senator Hammond that the East Otis Reservoir and Big Pond will also take into account the Tolland state forest, which reaches to the edge of the reservoir. "The Department of Natural Resources has just com-

Legal Notices

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

OF MASSACHUSETTS
Hampden ss Probate Court
To all persons interested in the
estate of EFFIE TAYLOR late of
Agawam, in said County of Hampden, deceased.
A petition has been presented
to said Court for probate of a
certain instrument purporting to
be the last WILL of said deceased
by DORIS SHAYLOR of said Agawam, praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety on her bond.
If you desire to object thereto,
you or your attorney should file
a written appearance in said Court
at Springfield, in said County of
Hampden, before ten o'clock in
the forenoon on the twenty-fourth
day of March 1967, the return day
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day of March 1967, the return day of this citation, Witness, ABRAHAM I, SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this fourteenth day of Feb-

ruary 1967. JOHN J. LYONS, Register Feb. 23, March 2, 9

COMMONWEALTH

OF MASSACHUSETTS
Hampden ss Probate Court
To all persons interested in the
estate of WILLIAM H. LESTER
late of Agawam, in said County,
deceased.

deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court by ESTHER M. THOMPSON of Holden, in the County of Worcester, and MILTON J. DONOVAN, of Longmeadow, in said County of Hampden, executors of the will of said deceased, praying for authority to adjust by compromise or arbitration a demand against said estate. If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a

you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fourteenth day of March 1967, the return day

of this citation.
Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH,
Esquire, First Judge of said
Court, this fifteenth day of February 1967.
JOHN J. LYONS, Register
Feb. 23, March 2, 9

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss Probate Court
To all persons interested in the
estate of LUCILLE McMAHON
late of Agawam, in said County,
decased deceased

deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that ETHEL L. STEVENS of Boston in County of Suffolk or some other suitable person be appointed administratrix of said estate.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in the County of Hampden, before ten o'clóck in the forenoon on the tenth day of March 1967, the return day of this March 1967, the return day of this citation.
Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH,

Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this second day of Feb-ruary 1967,

JOHN J. LYONS, Register Feb. 23, March 2, 9

pleted a big reconstruction of its facilities in the state forest, including camp sites and day use areas, and this certainly fits into the general recreation picture of the whole area."

Purchase of the controlling water rights and 1000 acres of land was made possible by a \$5 million bond issue for recreational development by the Department of Natural Resources passed by the Legislature in 1966.

The water rights and land involved were owned by the Farmington River Paper Company, a Massachusetts corporation of which the Collins Company of Collinsville, Connecticut, is the major stockholder.

Senator Hammond was one of the leaders in the effort to have the Department of Natural Resources acquire the properties, "because state ownership of these land and water rights are very important for future recreation and conservation in the Common-

